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Sir/Madam:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed March 18, 2004, and applicant's attorney has not received an Examiner's communication from the Patent Office since that filing date.

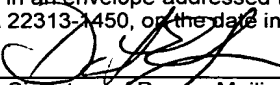
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